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OF THE

Third Annual Session

OF THE

Atlantic Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE

CHURCH AT KINSTON, LENOIR CO., N. C.,

October 26th, 27th and 28th, 1886.

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PROCEEDINGS.

KINSTON, N. C., Tuesday, October 26, 1886.

The Atlantic Association meets in its third annual session with the church in Kinston. Dr. Whitfield conducts devotional exercises. Elder C. A. Jenkins, the Moderator of last session, being absent, on motion of Elder W. J. Fulford Dr. Whitfield is requested to act as Moderator.

List of churches is called and a majority found to be represented. Elders R. E. Peele and W. J. Fulford are appointed Reading Clerks. On motion of Dr. J. D. Roberts, a Committee of Arrangements is appointed, consisting of the pastor and deacons of Kinston Church.

Letters from churches are read and delegates enrolled as follows:

ANTIOCH—Richard McGlohon, A. G. Cox, R. D. Carrol, J. B. Carrol.
 BEAUFORT—Elder W. T. Jones.
 BAYBORO—S. W. Hudwell, W. S. Riggs, J. B. Turner.
 ENON—Wm. Wynne.
 FALLING CREEK—W. H. Hood, Job Warrick, T. J. Hood.
 FORT BARNWELL—Elder C. S. Cashwell.
 GOLDSBORO—Elder Thos. Dixon, Jr., Dr. J. D. Roberts, W. G. Britt, Elder C. J. Nelson, J. W. Millard.
 KINSTON—Elder A. J. Hires, J. A. McDaniel, J. F. Parrot, J. M. Wooten, Jesse Vause.
 LA GRANGE—D. M. Stanton, Geo. W. Bizzell, W. O. Pelletier.

The Committee on Arrangements report in part, recommending that we adjourn at 12.30 o'clock and meet at 2.15, and that the Introductory Sermon be preached to-night, services beginning at 7 o'clock.

On motion, the Association adjourns to meet at 2.15 p. m. Benediction by Elder W. J. Fulford.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Moderator calls the Association to order. Prayer by Elder W. J. Fulford. Reading of letters resumed and the following additional delegates enrolled:

MOREHEAD CITY—M. S. Webb, Geo. D. Styron.
 MOUNT CALVARY—R. A. Parker, E. H. Parker.
 NEW BERNE—Elder Theo. Whitfield, F. W. Hancock.
 PINY GROVE (Jones)—B. F. Dillahunt.
 POLLOCKSVILLE—Charles Whitty.
 SNOW HILL—Elder W. J. Fulford, J. H. Bunn, J. C. Padelford.
 UNION—T. A. Rouse.
 YOUNG BETHEL—Elder T. J. Leary, T. M. Leary.
 CAPERNAUM—Davis Shore, Piney Grove (Onslow).
 Smyrna and Woodville are represented by letter.

The election of officers being next in order, the Association enters into election by ballot.

On motion of Elder A. J. Hires, the vote for Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer is all taken at one ballot. Brethren R. E. Peele, M. S. Webb and J. C. Padelford are appointed tellers.

Elder Theo. Whitfield is elected Moderator, W. G. Britt re-elected Clerk and F. W. Hancock re-elected Treasurer.

Bro. J. M. Wooten states that the Rev. Mr. Bowen of the Disciple's Church is present and for the purpose of offering to the Association the use of his church. The Moderator accepts the offer and extends an invitation to Bro. Bowen to a seat in the Association.

The Committee on Arrangements report, and recommend that the Association adjourn this evening at 4.30 and meet to-morrow at 9.30 A. M.; that the first half-hour be spent in devotional services under direction of Elder R. E. Peele, and that Elder Thos. Dixon preach at 7 o'clock P. M.

On motion, the Moderator fills vacancies on standing committees as follows: J. W. Millard, on Home Missions, in place of W. J. Montford. M. S. Webb, on State Missions, in place of Elder J. T. Albritton. Elder Thomas Dixon, Jr., on Education, in place of W. G. Brinson.

On motion of Dr. J. D. Roberts, Rev. N. M. Journey of the M. E. Church is invited to a seat in the Association.

Bro. Journey responds in a few words, thanking the Association for the courtesy extended.

The following committees to report at this session are appointed:

On Place and Preacher for next Session—Elder C. J. Nelson, B. F. Dillahun, R. D. Carrol.

On Delinquent Churches—Elder W. T. Jones, R. A. Parker, A. G. Cox.

On Obituaries—Elder C. S. Cashwell, D. M. Stanton, E. H. Parker.

To Nominate Executive Board—Elder W. J. Fulford, W. H. Hood, G. W. Bizzell.

On motion, the Moderator is given further time to announce the standing committees.

The report on Home Missions is read by Elder A. J. Hires, and after remarks by himself, is adopted:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The work of Christian Missions is *one*; when we speak of State, Home and Foreign Missions we only give the names of the fractional parts of an unit, as several fields are parts of one farm. The division is for the sake of convenience and better work, but let us never forget "The field is the world." There are reasons—some well based and weighty, others more or less selfish—why we may prefer one department of mission work above another, but there can be no valid reason for neglecting any part.

Among arguments for vital interest in Home Missions and vigorous prosecution of them, is:

First, That they are put foremost in the Divine plan of evangelizing the world—For three years our Lord absolutely forbade the twelve and the seventy missionaries, whom He personally ordained and commissioned, to go beyond the borders of Palestine. And after that period, when He said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," He supplemented the great commission by saying, "Beginning at Jerusalem." These facts are, we think, significant and suggestive.

Second, Our own country is one of the most hope-inspiring of mission fields on the face of the earth—Our annual increase of population is amazing, and has no parallel in any other land under the sun. And this immense increase is largely by immigration from foreign lands. Boston has become nearly as Irish as Dublin; New Orleans nearly as French as Paris; several of our large cities nearly as German as Hamburg; and large portions of our land as Swedish as Stockholm; and as Italian as Rome. We have been slow to carry the gospel to the nations and God in his providence has sent the nations to us. We have peculiar advantages for evangelizing these people here, such as we cannot have in their native lands, advantages both of a civil and a religious character. And already many of our foreign born population have been savingly reached by the

gospel through American Home Missionaries. Moreover, a goodly number of them who have found Jesus have gone back over the ocean to tell in their native lands the story of Jesus and his love. Thus, we see, home mission work is full of promise and helping on the cause of Christ even in foreign lands.

Third, and finally, the Home Mission work has powerful claims upon us as lovers of our country and our homes:

The ignorant masses of our native born population, the atheistic immigrants from Europe, and the heathenish immigrant from Asia, are an increasing and alarming menace of all we hold most sacred and dear. The blessed christian Sabbath—the rights of property—indeed, all the prized institutions of our civil and religious liberty, are threatened and encroached upon. The main question of the hour is, shall we instruct, elevate, and christianize them or shall they overthrow and destroy us?

The promulgation of the gospel, without question, is the most potent means in our hands of saving ourselves and them.

The gospel of Christ, which is the power of God unto salvation, faithfully preached, may cleanse the slums of our national life, prove an antidote to abounding moral malaria, save our land from unreasonable labor leagues, from wicked communism, from devilish anarchism and dynamite. Let us stand by the Home Mission Board.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. HIRES,
F. W. HANCOCK,
J. W. MILLARD.

On motion of Bro. J. M. Wooten, a committee is appointed on the Baptist Orphanage, consisting of Dr. J. D. Roberts, J. M. Wooten and T. J. Hood.

On motion, the Association adjourns after prayer by Elder A. J. Hires.

At night Elder W. T. Jones preaches the introductory sermon from Matthew 6: 10.

After which Elder R. E. Peele makes some remarks in regard to the work at Bayboro, and asks the Association for \$100.00 to assist in building a house of worship at that place, which amount, after further remarks by brethren Hires, Ray and Hancock, is raised in cash and pledges.

The following pledges are made by the churches for this object: Kinston, \$10.00; New-Berne, \$10.00; Goldsboro, \$10.00; Antioch, \$2.00; Fort Barnwell, \$10.00; La Grange, \$5.00; Mount Calvary, \$2.00; Snow Hill, \$5.00; Morehead City, \$5.00; Falling Creek, \$2.50; Pollocksville, \$3.00; Piny Grove, \$2.00; Enon, \$2.00; Capernaum, \$2.00.

Some of the above amounts have been paid. Those who have not paid can forward the money to Bro. J. B. Turner at Bayboro.

Association adjourns with benediction by Dr. Whitfield.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, October 27, 1886.

Devotional exercises are conducted by Elder R. E. Peele.

Moderator calls the Association to order at 10 o'clock.

Proceedings of previous day are read, and after some corrections, are approved.

Invitation to seats is extended to visiting brethren. Bro. Jno. E. Ray, Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Convention, accepts the invitation. Bro. Ray also states that he will receive subscriptions for the *Biblical Recorder*.

The subject of State and Associational Missions is taken up. Bro. John E. Ray reads the report of the Executive Board, and M. S. Webb the report on

State Missions. A motion is made to adopt, pending which remarks are made by brethren R. E. Peele, W. J. Fulford, C. S. Cashwell, Dr. J. D. Roberts and John E. Ray.

Roll of churches is called and the following pledges made for State Missions for the ensuing year:

Antioch, \$7.50; Bayboro, \$15.00; Beaufort, \$10.00; Capernaum, \$2.00; Davis Shore, \$12.00; Enon, \$15.90; Falling Creek, \$15.00; Fort Barnwell, \$20.00; Goldsboro, \$100.00; Kinston, \$50.00; LaGrange, \$10.00; Morehead City, \$40.00; Mount Calvary, \$10.00; New Berne, \$50.00; Pollockville, \$10.00; Piny Grove (Onslow), \$5.00; Piny Grove (Jones), \$12.00; Snow Hill, \$10.00; Smyrna, \$5.00; Young Bethel, \$12.00; Woodville, \$10.00. Individual pledges: Miss Mattie E. Cox, \$2.50; R. E. Peele, \$3.00.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

When we look over our State and see how many waste places have been built up, how many centres of Baptist influence have been located, how many souls have been made glad by hearing the gospel preached in its purity, we cannot refrain from praising God and calling down blessings upon the State Mission Board.

Through this Board the Baptist cause has spread to an extent that would indeed be wonderful, would time permit to enter into details. And the people who have been led to Jesus through the preaching, under God, of our State missionaries, will ever have cause to bless the influences which led to the establishment of this organization.

While remembering, with our contributions, the Home and the Foreign Mission cause, let us not be sparing of our means to bring within the pale of salvation the thousands yet unsaved within the borders of our own loved commonwealth.

Respectfully submitted,

E. F. COX,
M. S. WEBB,
J. B. TURNER,
Committee.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

At the request of the Executive Committee of the Atlantic Association, the State Board of Missions appointed the following brethren to labor within the bounds of this Association: Elder W. T. Jones at Beaufort and Morehead City at a salary of \$250; C. S. Cashwell, Jones and Onslow Counties, \$150; T. J. Leary, Carteret County, \$200; W. J. Fulford, Greene County, \$400, and D. F. Aman, Onslow County, \$25. In addition to these, Elder R. E. Peele has been laboring in the northern part of the Association at a salary of \$300, paid by the State Board. These brethren report the following items of interest:

Elder W. J. Fulford has preached 111 sermons at 2 churches and 4 stations, 39 weeks of labor; paid over 100 religious visits, baptized 9, added 4 by letter, organized 2 Sunday schools, distributed 12 Bibles and 75 religious tracts, collected \$5.00 for State Missions, conducted 30 prayer meetings.

Elder W. T. Jones reports 52 weeks of labor, preached 136 sermons at 2 churches, attended 72 prayer meetings, paid 410 religious visits, held 2 protracted meetings, baptized 29, received 3 by letter and restored 17.

Elder C. S. Cashwell has performed 50 weeks of labor, preached 150 sermons at 5 churches and 2 stations, baptized 38, collected about \$400 on the field and \$105 for other objects. He is building a meeting house at Fort Barnwell, which is nearly enough completed to be used. Prospects are very encouraging.

Elder T. J. Leary reports 52 weeks of labor, preached 98 sermons at 4 churches and 2 stations, held 5 protracted meetings, baptized 13, prayer meetings attended 25, religious visits 40, with 1 meeting house building.

Elder D. F. Aman has labored 10 weeks, preached 76 sermons at 1 church

and 3 outstations, held 57 prayer meetings, made 69 religious visits, baptized 18 and organized 1 Sunday school.

Elder R. E. Peele tells of 52 weeks of labor, 130 sermons preached, 3 churches and 4 stations occupied, 40 prayer meetings attended, 4 protracted meetings held and baptized 52.

The prospects are brightening, the sun is rising higher and higher every day, and "the field is white unto the harvest." The cry from all parts of our destitution, as well as from every section of the State, is for more men to carry them the glad news of salvation. Shall we heed this call of our Saviour and occupy North Carolina for Jesus Christ?

Respectfully submitted.

T. WHITFIELD, *Chairman.*

F. W. Hancock, the Treasurer, read a very interesting and encouraging report showing that the churches had not only paid the \$425 pledged at the last meeting for State Missions, but \$31.77 additional.

The report is adopted, and Dr. J. D. Roberts leads the Association in a prayer of gratitude to God for His blessing.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

IN ACCOUNT WITH ATLANTIC BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

DATE.	WHERE RECEIVED FROM.	State or Associa- tional Mis- sions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Orphanage.	Minute Fund.	Total.
1885								
October	Received at the last meeting of the Association	\$						308 11
"	From Finance Committee							40 73
"	From collection for State Missions							6 06
"	From W. J. Montford, former Treasurer							1 00
"	Received since the last Association							5 00
November	From Union church	1 00						3 20
"	Pollocksville church							15 00
"	Union meeting at LaGrange			10 00				7 02
December	L. M. S., New Berne church							10 00
"	L. M. S., New Berne church							15 00
January	Union meeting at Goldsboro							10 00
February	New Berne church							37 50
"	New Berne church							3 00
March	Pollocksville church							10 00
June	Mount Calvary church							37 50
"	New Berne church							3 00
August	Received at this meeting of the Association	4 42						4 42
"	From Antioch church	7 00						7 00
October	From Antioch church	3 75						1 50
"	Beaufort	5 00	3 50					2 00
"	Bayboro	8 00		1 00				1 00
"	Capernaum	2 00						25
"	Davis Shore	12 75		1 50				75
"	Enon	15 00	5 00	2 50				15 00
"	Falling Creek	12 00		4 00		5 85		1 00
"	Fort Barnwell	20 00	5 00					1 25
"	Goldsboro	73 00						5 00
"	Kinston	12 50	21 32	15 36	11 72			5 00
"								3 50

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1885			1886		
Oct. 27	By am't paid Rev. C. S. Cashwell (Asso. Mis.)	\$ 25 00	June 3	By am't paid F. H. Briggs, State and Home Mis.	4 42
" 27	" " Rev. T. J. Leary	25 00	Oct. 9	" " " " " "	7 00
" 30	" " F. H. Briggs, Treas. State Con- vention for Different Objects	281 57	" 27	" " " " " "	290 58
Nov. 28	" " F. H. Briggs, Treas. State Con., for State and Foreign Missions	6 00	" 27	" " " " " "	68 06
Dec. 11	" " F. H. Briggs, Treas. State Con., for State and Home Missions	28 20	" 27	" " " " " "	55 30
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Respectfully submitted,

F. W. HANCOCK, Treasurer.

F. W. Hancock moves that to-night after the sermon a collection be taken for State and Associational Missions.

Bro. J. M. Wooten moves that the tender of the Opera House for services to-night be accepted. Carried.

Some announcements are made, and, on motion, the Association adjourns until 2:15. Benediction by Elder R. E. Peele.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Moderator calls the Association to order according to adjournment. Elder C. J. Nelson leads in prayer.

The report of the committee to nominate an Executive Board for the Association is read.

Dr. Roberts, one of the number recommended, asks that he be excused from serving, and, on motion, the report is referred back to the committee.

The following standing committees are appointed:

FOREIGN MISSIONS.—Elder A. J. Hires, R. D. Carrol, G. W. Bizzell.

HOME MISSIONS.—Elder Thos. Dixon, Jr., T. A. Rouse, Joseph Kinsey.

STATE MISSIONS.—Elder C. S. Cashwell, J. B. Turner, W. H. Hood.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—Elder W. J. Fulford, D. M. Stanton, E. F. Cox.

TEMPERANCE.—J. M. Wooten, J. A. McDaniel, J. C. Padelford.

EDUCATION.—Dr. J. D. Roberts, M. S. Webb, Elder W. T. Jones.

PERIODICALS.—Elder T. J. Leary, Wm. Wynne, B. F. Dillahunt.

BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.—Elder J. T. Albritton, R. A. Parker, C. Whitty.

The report on Periodicals is read and, after being discussed by Elder Thos. Dixon, Jr., J. M. Wooten, Elder W. T. Jones, John E. Ray, and Elder C. J. Nelson, is adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The committee on Periodicals beg leave to recommend, and not only to recommend, but to urge the churches to make the *Biblical Recorder* their paper. It is one of the best religious papers published, and certainly the best paper for North Carolina Baptists. We would also recommend *Kind Words* and the *Foreign Mission Journal* on account of their intrinsic value.

Respectfully submitted

W. T. JONES,
J. M. WOOTEN,
Committee.

The committee to nominate an Executive Board, report recommending the following: Elder T. Whitfield, J. M. Wooten, A. G. Cox, Dr. J. S. Bizzell, E. F. Cox, Geo. F. Parker, F. W. Hancock. Report adopted.

The report on Education is called for and is read by Elder Thos. Dixon, Jr., and is discussed by himself, F. W. Hancock, Elder W. J. Fulford, John E. Ray, J. M. Wooten, Dr. J. D. Roberts and Dr. Whitfield.

Pending the motion to adopt, the following pledges are made for this object: Antioch, \$7.50; Bayboro, \$5.00; Capernaum, \$1.00; Davis Shore, \$5.00; Enon, \$5.00; Falling Creek, \$7.50; Fort Barnwell, \$10.00; Goldsboro, \$35.00; Kinston, \$30.00; La Grange, \$10.00; Morehead City, \$6.00; Mount Calvary, \$3.00; New Berne, \$30.00; Piny Grove, (Jones), \$3.00; Pollocksville, \$4.00; Snow Hill, \$10.00; Smyrna, \$5.00; Woodville, \$5.00; Young Bethel, \$10.00; Dr. J. D. Roberts, \$5.00; Mrs. Thos. Dixon, \$5.00; R. E. Peele, \$2.50; A. G. Cox, \$2.50; C. J. Nelson, \$5.00.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Glancing over the great harvest field of God that is now bleeding for the blade of the laborer, we feel that the time for the expression of common place

platitudes on the subject of education is past; our duty now is plain—put our hands to the work and do it. Young men called of God into the field, in great numbers, are clamoring for an entrance into our schools and colleges, and our State Board of Education has not the means to support more than are now enrolled.

The Board at Wake Forest has under its care thirty-three young ministers, and so far during this session has been compelled to decline to receive fifteen urgent applicants for lack of means to support them, being behind about \$700 on their present work.

In view of these facts, we earnestly recommend that this Association make as large a contribution as possible toward liquidating the present debt of the Board at Wake Forest, and in addition to this, pledge itself to support two young ministers at Wake Forest College approved by a board composed of one delegate from each church contributing from this Association, each member of the board to have one vote for every ten dollars over and above the first ten contributed—each church giving anything be entitled, as a matter of course, to one vote. Said minister also to be approved by the Board of Education at Wake Forest.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. DIXON, JR.,
R. D. CARROL,
Committee.

The following amendment to the above report is adopted:

Provided, That one at a time of these young ministers may be prepared for college in some suitable high school to be selected by the committee.

On motion of Dr. Roberts, the time for adjournment is postponed for fifteen minutes.

Moved that the delegates from each church select one of their number as a member of the Education Board provided for in the report on Education.

Bro. F. W. Hancock makes some remarks concerning Elder Jacob Utley, an aged minister of Carteret county, and a collection amounting to \$10.78 is taken for his benefit.

On motion, the Association adjourns. Prayer by Bro. Hancock. Benediction by Elder Thos. Dixon, Jr.

At 7 o'clock Elder Thos. Dixon, Jr., preached to a large congregation at the Opera House, after which a collection was taken for State and Associational Missions amounting to \$6.64.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, October 28, 1886.

Devotional exercises are conducted by Elder C. S. Cashwell.

Moderator calls the Association to order at the appointed time.

Proceedings of the previous day are read and approved.

The delegates from the churches recommend the following as members of the Education Board, the pastors being allowed to name the member from the churches having no delegation present:

Antioch, Richard McGlohon; Fort Barnwell, Elder C. S. Cashwell; Goldsboro, Elder Thos. Dixon; Kinston, Dr. R. H. Lewis; LaGrange, C. S. Wooten; Morehead City, A. S. Willis; Mount Calvary, Elder J. T. Albritton; New Berne, Elder T. Whitfield; Piny Grove (Jones), B. F. Dillahunt; Pollocksville, C. Whitty; Snow Hill, Elder W. J. Fulford; Young Bethel, Elder T. J. Leary; Enon, W. J. Montfort; Davis Shore, C. L. Paul; Falling Creek, W. H. Hood; Smyrna, A. G. Davis; Woodville, W. N. Hellen.

On motion of Elder Thos. Dixon, it is ordered that a majority of the votes of this Board constitute a working majority.

The report on Foreign Missions is read by Dr. Whitfield, chairman of the committee.

Pending the motion to adopt, the report is discussed by Dr. Whitfield, Elders Thos. Dixon, W. J. Fulford, and C. J. Nelson, and the following pledges are made for Foreign Missions:

Antioch, \$2.00; Davis Shore, \$2.00; Enon, 5.00; Falling Creek, 5.00; Fort Barnwell, 3.00; Goldsboro, 25.00; Kinston, 25.00; Morehead City, 10.00; Mount Calvary, 2.00; New Berne, 25.00; Piny Grove (Jones,) 2.00; Pollockville, 2.00; Snow Hill, 1.00; Smyrna, 3.00; Woodville, 3.00; Young Bethel, 5.00; Mrs. Dr. R. H. Lewis, 5.00.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Since your last meeting our beloved young brethren, D. W. Herring and R. T. Bryan, with their wives, have entered upon their labors in China. They sailed in December. Bro. Herring located at Shanghai, Bro. Bryan Chinkiang—two great cities, each with more than a half million people. They arrived none too soon; for Bro. Hennix and Dr. Yates, the missionaries on the field were already worn down and have since been compelled to rest awhile.

Our young brethren and their wives are enthusiastic about their work, and earnestly preparing for it by studying the Chinese language. Besides these, the Foreign Mission Board has sent out nine missionaries to other fields.

The whole force now employed by the Board is 28 ministers, 30 ladies and 55 native assistants. According to its last report the membership in the missions was 1,398, and the baptisms for one year 169.

From the same report it appears that the contributions from North Carolina were \$6,021.57. It is encouraging to note this increase. Yet we are far below our duty. The Board asks us for \$8,000, and this is the very least that can be called our proportion of the amount absolutely necessary to support the present force. The proportion for this Association cannot be less than \$150. The most cheering reports reach us from Mexico and Brazil; but all our missionaries are hopeful and progress is being made all along the line. Everywhere our brethren in the field beg for reinforcements and for the prayers of the churches. We, therefore, appeal to the churches of this Association.

1st. To give to Foreign Missions regularly, liberally and cheerfully.

2nd. To appoint Foreign Mission committees to work specially for this enterprise.

3rd. To encourage the formation of Ladies' Missionary Societies.

4th. To take the *Foreign Mission Journal*.

5th. To pray daily that the gospel may speedily be preached to all the nations and accepted by them. To pray also for the lives and comfort of missionaries, their access to the people and their spiritual power.

Respectfully submitted,

T. WHITFIELD,
C. S. CASHWELL,
GEO. F. PARKER.
Committee.

The report of the Committee on Delinquent Churches is read by Bro. R. A. Parker, and remarks are made by Dr. Roberts, Dr. Whitfield and Elder C. J. Nelson. Elder W. J. Fulford offers an amendment to the report that Elder C. J. Nelson be requested to visit Union and see what can be done for that church. The report is adopted as amended.

REPORT ON DELINQUENT CHURCHES.

The Committee on Delinquent Churches are glad to report all the churches

represented by letter, and all but one have sent up contributions. About four churches have failed to meet the pledges made at the last Association, while the churches generally have more than met their pledges. Union Church, the only church that has failed to send up any contribution, is without a pastor, and your committee would respectfully call the attention of the Executive Board to its need.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. JONES,
R. A. PARKER,
A. G. COX,
Committee.

The report on Obituaries is read and adopted.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

During the past year only one of our brethren has been called away by death. On the 4th Sunday in March, 1886, Bro. B. McGlohon gently passed away. He had just finished reading his Bible through, and with it in hand he leaned across his bed dead. He was 67 years old, and had been a member of the Baptist Church about thirty-six years. His membership was with the church at Antioch, Pitt County.

COMMITTEE.

The report on Temperance is next presented, and after being discussed at length by Elder W. J. Fulford is adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Much has been done by the churches, the press and the people to prevent the sale and excessive use of intoxicating liquors. But we regret that there are so many, in and out of the church, who, while they would stamp their feet on drunkenness, are inclined to wink at and even practice what is called moderate drinking, the very source from whence cometh drunkenness. It is not with the man who lies in the gutter or wallows in the filth of the street our young men begin their dissipated career, but with the fashionable and respectable moderate drinker. Believing that the welfare of our churches, and the happiness of our fellow-men generally demand it, we recommend that all our members in particular, and every one in general, abstain from its use as a beverage.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. LEARY,
A. L. DAVIS,
Committee.

The report on Sunday schools is called for and read, and after remarks by Bro. Jesse Vause is adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday school interest is one that christian workers cannot over-estimate. It is a work of the people of God that they cannot afford to neglect. In all of our revivals in our churches where Sunday schools are taught, the great number coming to Christ are from the classes in the Sunday school. Those blessed with the privilege of teaching in a Sunday school should esteem it a great blessing to them, and they should thank God for the opportunity of doing good, take courage and press forward. In the reading of the church letters we notice with thankfulness that new Sunday schools are being put in operation and succeeding well. Now, in view of the fact that so much has been done by the well regulated Sunday school, we would urge upon all the churches in the Association to push the Sunday school work. We also notice that the well regulated Sunday school is a great source of help to the missionary work. Let the good work go on, and win the children to Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. PRIDGEN.

The Committee on place of next meeting reports, recommending Goldsboro as the place, Elder A. J. Hires to preach the Introductory Sermon, Elder W. J. Fulford, alternate. Report adopted.

Moved and carried, that the time of adjournment be postponed indefinitely. The report of the Committee on the Baptist Orphanage is read by Dr. J. D. Roberts, and after being discussed by him is adopted.

REPORT ON THE BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

Our blessed Lord when on earth said, "For the poor ye have always with you," and the whole spirit of the ministry and works of this Christ, whom we profess to love, serve and follow, was a charitable feeling for the poor. His life and labors were spent with and for the poor.

Among other testimonials of his divinity he told John's disciples to tell him that "the poor have the gospel preached unto them." Charity is the key note of true religion; "the bond of perfectness," and the greatest of the christian virtues.

The Baptist Orphanage is under the management of an Association regularly chartered by the laws of the State. Its object, that of educating and caring for indigent orphans, appeals to every true christian, and if we have the love of Christ in our hearts, our sympathies will go out for this cause in no uncertain manner. The need of supporting this work is laid upon us as Baptists. It is one that we cannot shirk if we would. Have the churches of this Association come up to the full measure of their several duties in regard to this great charity? It is not a work of a day which can be thrown aside with a single gift, but requires a continuous systematic plan of contributions.

"We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak and not to please ourselves." Of the abundance of our stores, let us contribute to this cause. We commend this work to the churches as deserving our prayers, sympathies and contributions, and would urge that each one adopt some plan of systematic help.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. ROBERTS,
J. M. WOOTEN,
T. J. HOOD,
Committee.

Elder C. J. Nelson gives notice that he will make a motion at the next meeting to change Article 10 of the Constitution in regard to the time of meeting.

On motion, the Clerk is allowed \$10.00 for his services.

Elder C. S. Cashwell offers the following resolution:

Resolved, That Article 11 of the Constitution be amended by striking out the clause: *Provided*, That the amendment shall have been proposed at the preceding session and recorded in the minutes.

Lost.

On motion, it is ordered that a collection be taken before the sermon to-night for incidental expenses of the Association.

Committee on arrangements announce that Elder Thos. Dixon will preach in the church to-night.

The following resolution offered by Elder W. J. Fulford is adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tendered to the church and citizens of Kinston, and also to the A. & N. C. R. R. for the kind and generous courtesies extended to it during this session.

Dr. Roberts offers the following:

Resolved, That any member of this Association attending the Baptist State Convention may represent us as a delegate from this body. Adopted.

A letter is read from Elder A. G. McManaway, Vice-President of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention for North Carolina.

On motion, the Moderator is instructed to appoint one from each church to look after the interests of the Home Mission Board.

The following offered by Elder W. J. Fulford, is adopted:

Resolved, That any member of this Association attending the Tar River, Eastern or Raleigh Association, is authorized to act as Corresponding Messenger from this body.

On motion, the Association adjourns to meet at Goldsboro on Tuesday after the 4th Sunday in October, 1887.

Prayer by Elder T. J. Leary. Benediction by the Moderator.

T. WHITFIELD,
Moderator.

W. G. BRITT, *Clerk.*

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CONSTITUTION
OF THE
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1. This Association shall be known as the "Atlantic Baptist Association."
2. It shall be composed of delegates elected by churches connected with it, each church being entitled to five delegates; delegates to be members of the churches they represent.
3. Its objects shall be the promotion of the Redeemer's Kingdom, by securing the co-operation of its churches for their own edification and for the spread of the gospel according to our faith and order.
4. The "New Hampshire Declaration of Faith" shall be the summary of Divine Truth for determining questions of faith or order in this body; and churches desiring to be received must signify their acceptance of it, for substance, together with the covenant herewith submitted, and this Constitution.
5. This Association shall not annul the discipline of a church, or exercise authority over it. But it may advise; and it may sever from its connection any church that neglects to preserve gospel order, or that departs from the faith, or that treats with contempt the objects or advice of the Association.
6. Each church shall send to the Association, at its annual session, a statement of (1) its locality; (2) the name of its pastor, clerk, clerk's post office, delegates and ministers other than the pastor; (3) the Sunday or Sundays of regular service; (4) the church statistics; (5) Sunday school statistics; (6) contributions to pastor's salary, church expenses, Associational Missions, State Missions, Foreign Missions, Ministerial Education, Minute Fund, other objects.
7. Whenever a church shall not represent itself at an annual session of the Association, either by delegate or letter; or whenever a church shall not report something contributed for missions, inquiry shall be made for the cause; effort shall be made to revive the church and induce it to do its duty, and this effort shall be continued till the church be recovered or dropped from the Association.
8. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer, elected annually by ballot from among its members, to serve until their successors shall have been elected, and to perform the duties usual to such officers, the Moderator in presiding, the Clerk in recording and preserving minutes and other papers belonging to the body, and the Treasurer in receiving and disbursing according to its will all funds belonging to or entrusted to the body.
9. The Association shall appoint annually an Executive Board of seven, of whom the Treasurer shall be one, to whom shall be entrusted the prosecution of Associational Missions, and any other work which this body may refer to them, and who shall, as far as practicable, co-operate with the State Mission Board in supplying the destitution in our territory, and between the meetings of the Association take such action as may seem to them advisable for the advancement of its objects. The Board shall present to the Association at its annual meeting a report of all its proceedings, with the Treasurer's report of all receipts and disbursements, and with the names of its missionaries, time of service and details of their work.
10. The annual session of the Association shall begin on Tuesday after the 4th Lord's Day in October, at such place as may be chosen. Representatives from a majority of the churches shall constitute a quorum.
11. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session, provided the amendment shall have been proposed at the preceding session and recorded in the minutes. The Rules of Order may be amended at any annual session by a two-thirds vote.

PASTORS, CLERKS, AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.	CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.
Antioch	W. J. Fulford, Snow Hill	J. C. Cox, Greenville.
Beaufort		John D. Davis, Beaufort.
Bayboro	R. E. Peele, South Creek	J. B. Turner, Bayboro.
Capernaum	D. F. Aman, Sneed's Ferry	G. F. Riggs, Palo Alto.
Davis' Shore	T. J. Leary, Harlowe	R. L. Paul, Davis.
Enon	C. S. Cashwell, Pollocksville.	Ben. Ward, Shackelford.
Falling Creek	J. B. Harrell, Mt. Olive	G. P. Britt, Grantham's Store
Fort Barnwell	C. S. Cashwell, Pollocksville.	Joseph Kinsey, Cobton.
Goldsboro	Thos. Dixon, jr., Goldsboro	J. M. Hollowell, Goldsboro
Kinston	A. J. Hires, Kinston	J. F. Hill, Kinston.
LaGrange	A. J. Hires, Kinston	J. P. Joyner, LaGrange.
Morehead City	W. T. Jones, Morehead City	M. S. Webb, Morehead City
Mount Calvary	H. M. Croom, Wallace	R. A. Parker, Goldsboro.
New Berne	Theo. Whitfield, New Berne	F. W. Hancock, New Berne
Piny Grove (Onslow)	T. J. Baker, Jacksonville	W. E. Morton, Swansboro.
Piny Grove (Jones)	C. S. Cashwell, Pollocksville.	J. H. Whitty, Pollocksville.
Pollocksville	C. S. Cashwell, Pollocksville.	T. A. Bell, Pollocksville.
Snow Hill	W. J. Fulford, Snow Hill	J. C. Padelford, Snow Hill.
Smyrna	T. J. Leary, Harlowe	A. G. Davis, Smyrna.
Union		T. A. Rouse, Seven Springs
Woodville	T. J. Leary, Harlowe	David Arthur, Beaufort.
Young Bethel	T. J. Leary, Harlowe	T. M. Leary, Harlowe.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	Contributed by schools for all purposes.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	No. Volumes in Library.	Kind Words taken.	Other papers taken.	No. mos. in year school kept open.
Antioch	Richard McGlohon	\$.....	9	60	40	3	12	
Beaufort	John D. Davis		13	92		40	12	
Capernaum		22 25	3	15		2	6	
Davis' Shore	Isaiah D. Walker		8	60			5	
Fort Barnwell	Joseph Kinsey		4	41			10	
Falling Creek	W. H. Hood	25 63	8	43	50	50	12	
Goldsboro	J. Y. Joyner		20	149		14	12	
Kinston	E. F. Cox	67 21	11	76	50	90	12	
LaGrange	D. M. Stanton		9	40	91	75	--	
Morehead City	A. S. Willis		16	112	50	4	12	
Mount Calvary	R. A. Parker	3 40	3	16		28	12	
New Berne	B. M. Gates		22	184			12	
Piny Grove, (Onslow)	T. J. Riggs		4	20			8	
Pollocksville	T. A. Bell		5	25			9	
Snow Hill	J. C. Padelford		5	35			12	
Smyrna	A. G. Davis		11	52	40		8	
Woodville	David Arthur		7	40	50		8	
		\$ 118 49	158	1060	321	50	306	

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Additions.			Losses.			Membership.			TIME OF PREACHING.	
	Baptized.	Rec. by letter.	Experience.	Restored.	Dis. by letter.	Excluded.	Died.	No. of Males.	No. of Females.		Total.
Antioch			1				1	14	22	36	2d Sunday.
Beaufort	19	3		17				42	56	98	1st and 3d Snddays.
Bayboro	40					2	1	17	38	55	2d Sun. & Sat. before.
Capernaum	3						13	8	20	28	2d Sunday.
Davis' Shore						2		32	30	62	3d Sunday.
Enon	17		1		2		1	46	52	98	
Falling Creek	15				1		1	25	50	75	1st Sunday.
Fort Barnwell	5	1						19	32	51	3d Sunday.
Goldsboro	29	6		2		15	1	69	140	209	Ev. Sun. morn. & ev'g.
Kinston	34	5	6				7	55	71	126	Ev. Sun. but the 4th.
LaGrange	3						1	20	33	53	4th Sunday.
Morehead City	10				1		2	42	69	111	2d and 4th Sundays.
Mount Calvary		3						8	12	20	2d Sunday.
New Berne	14	6				5		38	52	90	Ev. Sun. morn. & ev'g.
Piny Grove (Onslow)							2	27	49	76	1st Sun. & Sat. before.
Piny Grove (Jones)	2	1						15	34	49	2d Sunday.
Pollocksville	1	4				3		8	22	30	2d Sunday.
Snow Hill	6	2						31	22	53	3d Sun. 11 a.m. 7 p.m.
Smyrna	9						1	29	58	87	Ev. other 3d Sunday.
Union								8	21	29	
Woodville	3						3	31	25	56	4th Sunday.
Young Bethel	2							31	25	56	
Total	212	34	10	22	38	62	14	665	1020	1685	

ATLANTIC BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Contributions for all Objects.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Church Expenses.	Ministerial Education.	State or Association.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Sunday School Board.	Other Objects.	Minute Fund.	Baptist Orphanage.	Total amount for all objects.
Antioch	75 00	25 00		7 50		1 50			1 50	1 86	110 50
Beaufort	105 00			10 00		3 50			2 00	11 86	132 36
Bayboro	75 00			2 00		2 00					81 00
Capernaum	20 00			2 60					25		22 25
Davis' Shore	120 00			12 75		1 50			75		15 00
Enon	125 00			15 00		2 50			1 00	5 85	143 50
Falling Creek	125 00			20 00		4 00			1 25	1 00	148 10
Fort Barnwell	720 00	171 00		20 00		5 00		416 08	1 00	1 00	156 00
Goldsboro	475 00	50 00	17 00	75 00		22 02		269 89	3 50	16 43	932 43
Kinston	132 50	100 00		50 00		28 06		2 01	2 50		319 38
LaGrange	105 00	231 70		40 00		15 00			1 50		398 30
Morehead City	60 00	184 86		100 00		9 08		190 83	3 00		1,346 89
Mount Calvary	800 00			4 00		2 00			1 00		54 00
New Berne	50 00			12 00		2 00			1 00		65 00
Piny Grove (Onslow)	50 00			12 50		5 00	2 50		1 00		91 00
Piny Grove (Jones)	70 00			12 50		5 00			1 00		141 00
Pollocksville	50 00	85 00		10 00		3 00			75		13 75
Snow Hill				10 00					65		65
Smyrna				10 00					50		10 50
Union				12 00					50		13 50
Woodville									50		50
Young Bethel				12 00					1 00		13 50
Total	\$3,157 50	\$907 56	\$19 50	\$430 75	\$112 90	\$75 64	\$40 03	\$878 81	\$29 65	\$837 39	\$5,690 83

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